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LOD AIRPORT

Neutralist Laos Army Faction Stages Coup

SAIGON (AP) — A neutralist faction of the Laos Army, headed by an unknown paratroop captain, staged a put-down coup d'état yesterday and seized all military and civil powers, rebel broadcasts announced from Vientiane.

Diplomatic reports said two persons were killed in the coup which began with a burst of gunfire at about 2:30 a.m. The residence of General Southon Phathavong, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, was blasted twice by rebel howitzers, the report said.

Rebel communiques broadcast by the captured Vientiane Radio declared the "High Command of the Revolution informs the people that starting from 3 a.m. of August 9 it held in its hands all civil and military powers." It repeatedly urged the population to remain calm.

It declared its policy would be neutrality as opposed to the existing pro-Western stand of President Samouth's recently-elected government.

The rebels added that all foreign troops would be asked to leave Laos. But all foreign residents in the country, which is heavily dependent on U.S. aid, should stay calm and go about their business, and their property would be respected and protected.

At least some members of the Government and perhaps Premier Samouth himself were out of Vientiane at the time of the coup. They were reported stranded more than 100 miles north of Vientiane in the royal capital of Luang Prabang, residence of King Sisavang Vathana.

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'K' Would Like To Attend at U.N.

LONDON (AP) — The Soviet Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, said last night he would like to head the Soviet delegation to the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly session to deal with disarmament. But he did not specify in a "Pravda" interview that he actually would go.

Mr. Khrushchev added, according to Moscow Radio, that the Soviet Government has not yet examined the composition of the delegation to the General Assembly, but that the Soviet proposal is that delegations be led by heads of states or government during the disarmament debate.

The Premier's replies to "Pravda" questions are to be found in today's edition of the newspaper, Moscow radio said.

Mr. Khrushchev emphasized, the account said, that the Soviet proposal for heads of state to debate disarmament at the U.N. stems directly from the "alarming situation" which has developed in armament talks. This situation, he said, was the fault of the U.S. and other Western Powers, and showed that negotiations on a lower level were fruitless."

U.S. Proposes Ratio For Body to Check Test Ban

GENEVA (Reuter) — The U.S. yesterday formally proposed that the seven-nation control commission to be set up under a treaty banning nuclear weapon tests should be composed of three Western powers, two Communist powers and two neutrals.

Mr. James Wadsworth, U.S. delegate, told a 30-minute session of the three-power nuclear conference that the Soviet proposal of three Communists, three Western and one neutral was an invitation to the control commission "resting on the brink of invisibility."

Mr. Semion Tsvirkap, the Soviet delegate, made no comment on the formal American proposal, but in the past he has insisted that East and West have absolute parity on the control commission.

Conferees said that in previous sessions of the conference the U.S. had indicated its position regarding the 3-2-2 formula was negotiable. Mr. Wadsworth yesterday had said nothing that altered this, the sources said.

A-Reactor Completing 'Running-in' Period

TEL AVIV — The "running-in" period of the atomic reactor at Netiv Rubin is about to be concluded. The Jordanian Foreign Minister

announced in Rotterdam that the output of the plant has increased to 1,000 kilowatts.

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It is understood that the official inauguration ceremony will be held in a few weeks.

Research work will also be initiated in the near future in accordance with a programme drawn up by members of the Nuclear Research Centre. A number of research requests have also been received from abroad.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Central Italian Government was to have their boat unhooked by a Tunisian tugboat vessel in the channel between Sicily and the North African coast, the Italian news agency ANSA reported last night.

The West Berlin Senate yesterday approved a gift of 100,000 marks to the International University Library in Jerusalem.

Second U.S. 'Atlas' Soars 7,000 Miles

CANAVERAL (UPI) — The U.S. Air Force announced yesterday that Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile 1,000 statute miles over the Atlantic yesterday—the second longest U.S. military rocket shot on record.

The Atlas, America's mightiest war-ready ICBM, sent a dummy warhead into a target area in the south Atlantic, south of Fernando de Noronha, off the west coast of Africa.

The Revolutionary Committee said it will "struggle against bribery, reorganize the parliamentary system and cleanse the administrative machinery."

The High Command of Revolutionary Forces informs the people that the military coup is aimed at safeguarding the nation's race, religion, throne and country," one communiqué said.

Western observers outside Laos had no immediate information as to the identity of Captain Vong Le or details of the coup.

The statement that the Revolutionary Committee is prepared to receive aid from all nations in a direct reversal of the pro-Western stand of President Samouth's recently-elected government.

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2. He expressed hope that the Cuban people eventually will take care of the situation in Cuba which has brought its government within the Communist orbit. The U.S., he said, will continue to show very great patience in its dealings with the Havana regime.

3. The U.S. cannot indefinitely postpone a suspension of nuclear weapons tests while British-U.S. negotiations with Russia for an inspection test system drag on at Geneva. Mr. Herter would not say, however, whether this might be set.

In a radio to the Soviet Union, published yesterday, the U.S. Government declared that the Soviet Union by its threats and its actions was "serving to increase tensions throughout the world."

Replies to a Soviet protest about plans to test Polaris missiles in the Polaris

area, the American Note retorted that the U.S. and its allies would not be defeated from taking jointly "measures they deem necessary for their defense."

(AP, Reuter)

U-2 Pilot Confesses Espionage Mission over Russia, Says Tass

MOSCOW — Francis Gary Powers, the American U-2 pilot shot down over Russia on May 1 and charged with espionage, has "acknowledged his guilt," according to a summary of his indictment published here last night.

The indictment, published by the Soviet news agency Tass, and broadcast by Moscow Radio, said 30-year-old Powers, who faces trial by military court here next Wednesday, August 17, had admitted that he flew over Soviet territory and photographed points marked on his map.

It added that he was collecting information on radio and radar stations and on the location of rocket bases in accordance with his contract with the Central Intelligence Agency which paid him a basic \$2,500 a month.

It said that no one other than his jailers and captors had seen Powers since his plane was brought down on May 1 over the Soviet Union.

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There was no official comment in Hanoi on the U.S. note, which followed Sunday's announcement by Premier Fidel Castro of a decree expropriating about \$700,000 worth of U.S.-owned property, including the Cuban electric company and two large refineries.

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This is believed to be the Soviet Union's first indication of the beginning of an armed attack.

Moreover, there can be no guarantee that any such plane appearing over Soviet territory does not carry a lethal load.

"This aggressive act of the U.S. against the Soviet Union must lead to the gravest consequences for us," Tass said.

The indictment quoted the following testimony allegedly given by Powers on the shooting-down of his plane:

"Quite unexpectedly I heard a kind of hollow explosion and saw an orange flash. The plane suddenly pitched down and I thought it was going to fall and burst into flames but it continued falling off course."

"Perhaps it was not his intention. The explosion took place out from the plane and it was hit only at the rear and rudder."

"At that moment we were heading to the route indicated on my chart rather accurately when the plane began to fall and burst into flames but it continued falling off course."

"I opened the canopy, unfastened my seat belt and got out from the plane through the top. The parachute opened automatically."

The summary of the Powers Case — which led to the collapse of the Paris summit meeting — reveals once more the familiar facts and arguments expounded by the powers by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev and others.

The only new angle noted here was the implication of neutral Finland and Sweden which the incident may be to be used as "emergency bases" by Powers.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry had right denied that Powers had permission to land in Sweden.

A motorcyclist and a motor-

cycle driver were injured in separate accidents on the Nahariya road.

Herter: US Not Paralyzed By Election Drive

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Christian Herter warned the Soviet Union yesterday that the U.S. can act with "speed, force and unity" and is far from paralyzed during the present presidential election campaign.

Mr. Herter opened his press conference with the warning in an effort to dispel any fears that the U.S. would be "paralyzed or semi-paralyzed" during a presidential election period.

He made these other points in response to questions:

1. He hopes Western Hemisphere Foreign Ministers will form a front at the forthcoming Costa Rica meeting in the face of a threat from the Soviet Union which affects all countries in the Hemisphere;

2. He expressed hope that the Cuban people eventually will take care of the situation in Cuba which has brought its government within the Communist orbit.

3. The U.S. cannot indefinitely postpone a suspension of nuclear weapons tests while British-U.S. negotiations with Russia for an inspection test system drag on at Geneva.

4. The U.S. will help implement the Security Council's resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of Belgian forces from Katanga.

5. Measures to increase tensions throughout the world.

6. The U.S. will not be

defeated from taking jointly "measures they deem necessary for their defense."

(AP, Reuter)

Tshombe Sets Terms for Entry Of U.N. Troops into Katanga



A surgeon from Tel Hashomer Hospital, Dr. Moshe Many, with Congolese assistants during an operation in Kitamba Hospital, Leopoldville. Dr. Many is a member of the Israeli medical mission to Congo.

Photo by Joe Palley

UAR Ready to Send Army Unit to Congo

CAIRO (Reuter) — UAR Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Ghaleb announced yesterday that his government is ready to send one military unit to help implement the Security Council's resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of Belgian forces from Katanga.

Mr. Ghaleb said the UAR intended to send its military unit to Katanga and the rest of the Congo.

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